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Great souls have wills; feeble ones have only wishes.—Old Chinese proverb.

UP TO HAWAII

Secretary Fisher's two-minute talk yesterday with which he closed his public hearings in Hawaii, puts it fairly up to the people of Hawaii to work out their own salvation. His attitude toward Hawaii, and that of the national administration, is summarized in this talk. In those two minutes he gave so much sound and friendly advice, in such compact form, that it should be known to every citizen of the territory. Said Mr. Fisher:

I am here, primarily, as the representative of the president of the United States, coming, it is true, at the request of both parties to this controversy—and my function is one of a purely advisory nature. All that I can do is tell the president of the United States what I think he ought to do. I may say to you that I think I know what I shall say to him, and it is not for that rule which makes it courteous not to say in advance what you intend to say to the president of the United States, I should have no hesitation in saying it now. However, I shall conform to the rule.

There is only one other thing I can say—that is, I hope the people of this territory will have cleared up a little for them as a result of this investigation, the real facts that confront any governor of the territory and the difficulties with which he has to deal—that they will appreciate a little more than they have that any governor ought not to be left to play a lone hand as your governor has been left to play here and as perhaps he is by temperament rather disposed to play.

The fact of the matter is that your destiny is in your hands. There is very little indeed that the government at Washington can do. There is very little that I can do. All that I can do is to hold up the mirror and ask a few questions which may bring out the situation clearly to you so that you may work out your own salvation. There is no one else that can aid you, and the sooner you realize in this territory that it is necessary to work out a right solution of political and industrial problems here, why, the better it will be for you. It must be worked out and worked out right. No other basis is going to do you any good in the long run.

I do not believe it would be appropriate for me to go any further in the situation at this time—all I can do is to express my sincere appreciation of the way in which I have received here and the cooperation I have received on all hands, and the frankness and willingness with which the people have been willing to talk to me which has been a great satisfaction to me; and the way they have recognized that differences exist and always will exist; that back of it all there is less justification for keeping motives quiet than we are frequently apt to suppose.

I thank you all. This is our adjournment "sine die".

Mr. Fisher has declared the steady interest of the national administration in Hawaii, the attention that he and his department will pay to the problems of this territory, and at the same time he has made it quite clear that he relies on the sturdiness, the clear-headedness, the progressive Americanism of Hawaii as the greatest forces toward the working out of Hawaii's salvation.

FROM THE KUHIO SIDE

The visit of Secretary Fisher to Hawaii has brought about a better understanding between the delegate and the governor has been evident for some days to those who have attended the public hearings. It was made quite plain yesterday by Mr. Ashford, Kuhio's attorney, that much of the acerbity and bitterness of the delegate and his friends have been swept away as the hearings and the island tour progressed. At the beginning of the investigation, Kuhio announced that Mr. Ashford's sentiments were his own, and it is therefore fair to assume that Mr. Ashford's statement as the last hearing ended yesterday is a statement of Kuhio's attitude. It breathed a spirit of mutual esteem and closer relationship that augurs much for future political harmony in Hawaii. Here are two significant paragraphs:

I am free to say that the closer and more intimate association which these nearly four weeks have brought about—I am quite free to say, or cleared out of our minds, or at least the minds of some of us, many of the cobwebs—the mistakes that previously existed there. I am sure I do not know to what extent the same fact may be true with reference to the other side of the controversy, but with reference to us—we are proud and perfectly willing to admit that many things that seemed to us at the time of making specifications to be serious, have in a large measure lost their seriousness as a result of the explanations that have been given by Governor Frear or others, and of the examinations and observations that we have been able to give to the circumstances themselves as we have proceeded upon our journey, especially around the group of islands.

Even if this incident should be absolutely closed today and not another word was written concerning it, I think there has been enough information come out from the hidden and secret places to so far enlighten our community as to matters heretofore unknown among us, that the result in this community alone will be a vastly better understanding as to what have been our conditions, what is the cause of some of them and what is the method by which they can be bettered or remedied.

TO BEAT WILSON IN MAINE

"Cold comfort for any party" is the comment of the Literary Digest, that impartial judge of public opinion, on the Maine election. However, the Literary Digest's rather discouraging statement that none of the three big parties, Republican, Progressive, Democratic, got comfort from the Maine results is not likely to hold good now that the presidential campaign is under way.

As is well known, the recent election was for governor, congressmen and state officers, and the Progressives and Republican regulars combined, overcame a heavy Democratic majority and elected their candidate, William T. Haines, governor.

Progressivism now seems to be the real keynote of the Maine situation. A glance at the Maine papers shows how many of the "regular" members and organizations are deserting the Republican banner to become openly progressive.

There is this to be considered still: that the term "progressive" in Maine has been for nearly a year synonymous with "Roosevelter." The real progressives, of the LaFollette type and the LaFollette following, long ago broke away from the standpatters and began war on the Republican machine politicians. They were gaining an ascendancy when Democracy took advantage of the breach and won the election two years ago.

When Roosevelt came back into the arena on his whirlwind campaign for the nomination at Chicago, the discredited Republicans in Maine, disappointed office-seekers, and, of course, a number of sincere believers in the colonel, formed the "Progressive" party and it was this element that combined with the progressive Republicans to elect Haines.

The combination naturally weakened as soon as its object was accomplished and the split over the presidential candidates again widened. Now the far-seeing Maine men are endeavoring to name electors who will be able to vote for Taft or Roosevelt, whichever shows the most strength. Meanwhile, the Progressives are rapidly building up state and county organizations and expect to win such a following that by November they can span the party breach and out-vote the Wilson Democrats.

"What shall be the relation of capital to labor or to the small planter; what shall be the general idea in regard to homesteading; what shall be the extent of discretion, if any, given to the executive; what shall be done in regard to the regulation of transportation rates and public utilities generally; what should be done generally in the way of uplift and progress of this territory along the lines of what we call progressivism—those are the questions that have become larger than the question of who should occupy the governor's chair."—Attorney C. W. Ashford.

That's the broad view to take of it, Mr. Ashford, and the way to accomplish the results is to silence the false friends of any man, governor or delegate or anyone else, who attempts to stir up again embers of the past.

The STAR-BULLETIN will publish from time to time during the next few days extracts from the stenographic reports which this paper has taken of the testimony at the Fisher hearings. The testimony bore so directly on Hawaii's problems and presented so many views of these problems from men qualified by experience and ability to speak, that every word of it is interesting. Some of the statements have been too long to present fully but from first to last the STAR-BULLETIN has covered the hearings fully and given the public the impartial and unbiased story of the investigation through the medium of stenographic reports.

Of the candidates for governor of New York, the Progressive, Oscar Straus, is probably best equipped and best known. His nomination was achieved at a veritable stampede of the convention. Sulzer, the Democrat nominated yesterday, is a widely-known congressman, but not of Straus's caliber.

Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, is finding it pretty expensive to get even with Taft. It has already cost him about \$200,000.

Now that we've read the minutes for years past, let's get down to the new business of this territory.

If money talks, somebody ought to change the name of Oyster Bay.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

A PECULIAR WATCH.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:
Sir:—Yesterday evening I went down to the wharf where the S. S. Lurline was getting ready for her sail to Frisco. I went up to the deck to say good-bye to Mr. Peters, the minister of the Christian church. Then I went down to the wharf, as I couldn't find him, and asked one of the group of the church members, "Mr. Peters has not come yet?" He, pointing to the upper deck, said, "Look, there Mr. Peters is." So I went to the gangway to go up to the deck, but one of the watchmen shut me off from my way and asked me, "Are you a passenger?" So I said, "No, I am not." He said then, "It is too late." I went back to the group, waiting to see the steamer leave. Then there came a lady and asked one of the

group, as I did, "Mr. Peters has not come yet?" He answered the same as he did to me and also he pointed toward the upper deck. Then there came an assistant worker of the church and a few of the other members, and they went up to the deck to say good-bye to Mr. Peters. And I couldn't do it.

It is the greatest question to me why the watchmen watches are so changeable. One said, "It is late" to me a few minutes before and then he said "It is early" for another.

I would like to ask the manager of the steamship company to let the watchmen have the right time—a good watch but only one watch.

Sincerely yours,

B. M. MATSUZAWA.
Sec'y Japanese Y. M. C. A.
City, Oct. 2nd.

PERSONALITIES

MAJOR A. D. HASKELL, of the Philippine Constabulary, is proceeding to the islands as a passenger in the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru.

Dr. C. C. Wadsworth is a passenger in the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru for Manila.

PRINCE SERGE GAGARINE, of the royal Russian court, with a companion, is a through passenger in the Tenyo Maru and is making a tour of the world.

A. L. Humphrey, of Honolulu, L. F. Kipler and wife of New York, and R. W. Hill, a Los Angeles capitalist, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Palace.—S. F. Call.

A. R. HAGER and Mrs. Hager and two children are passengers in the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru bound for Manila, where Mr. Hager has extensive business interests.

LEONARD H. CAMP of the U. S. Engineer's office, will leave on the transport Sherman for eight weeks' vacation on the mainland. He will visit in California and Oregon.

E. S. CARPENTER, a lumber dealer of Seattle, R. William Westworth, a new Orleans shipper and William A. Rice, a well-known capitalist of Honolulu, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Bellevue.—S. F. Call.

REV. and MRS. D. R. WICKES, missionaries to the Orient, are passengers in the Toyo Kisen Kaisha liner Tenyo Maru. They will remain over at Honolulu for a week or ten days.

LOUIS GLASS, who was some years ago identified with the installation of a telephone service at Manila, and recently figured in the public prints of San Francisco, is making a flying visit to the Philippines as a passenger in the Tenyo Maru.

MRS. B. V. COLLINS and Miss Beatrice Collins, of Los Angeles are passengers in the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru enroute to Japan and China. They may continue the journey around the world, visiting extensively in India and the Holy Land.

MISS HARRIET BRADFORD, daughter of Otey Bradford, left yesterday for the East, where she will complete her studies at Bryn Mawr. Miss Bradford returned recently from Honolulu, where she was one of the attendants at the Parker-Smart wedding.—S. F. Examiner.

MR. and MRS. M. T. SIMONTON and son, Richard, will spend the fall and winter months at the beach, having taken apartments at the Hau Koa. The Simonton bungalow on Fourteenth Avenue, Kaimuki, has been purchased by Mrs. Jennie Hare, who recently arrived in the islands from the mainland, and proposes to make Honolulu her home.

ENGINEER DIES OF HIS INJURIES

Wilson M. Hoge, C. E., employed by the Constructing Quartermaster at Castner, Schofield Barracks, died on Tuesday, October 1st, at the Post hospital at Lihue, of injuries received at Wahiawa on Saturday last, when he accidentally fell off a wagon loaded with household goods, one wheel passing over his right leg and groin. The same evening, suffering intense pain, he was taken to the Post hospital at Lihue, where his condition rapidly becoming worse during the night, he was operated upon early Sunday for internal injuries sustained by Major de Witt performing the operation. Relying after the operation, which had caused great loss of blood, he was somewhat better on Monday. Early on Tuesday his condition became rapidly worse, and he died at 2:25 the same afternoon.

Chaplain Major Pruden kindly took over the remains, and a beautiful service was held at the post chapel on

Wednesday forenoon at 11:15. The casket, covered with the Stars and Stripes and flowers, was carried in to the church by fellow Masons, to the strains of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," played by the 2d Infantry band, stationed outside the church. The usual burial service was read in a very impressive manner by the chaplain, a hymn sung, and again the casket was carried out and placed on a caisson drawn by six black horses, and then, led by the band playing a funeral dirge, the procession wended its way to the depot, from where the remains were shipped to Honolulu for cremation.

Mr. Hoge was a native of Wheeling, West Va., a 32d degree mason. He had no relatives here, and only two elderly maiden aunts survive him in the East.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

GEORGE K. KANE—The Hui Unions is all right. It is my business to resign the government position and join the political army commanded by Joel C. Cohen.

GEO. F. SMITHIES—"Efficiency" is my motto. That ought to bring in votes. The next thing for me to do is to get down to business and write out my political speeches.

F. J. TESTA—I can only blame the Hawaiians for not sticking together. Why didn't the Republican and Democratic Hawaiians nominate Hawaiians for legislative and county offices.

J. C. ANDERSON—I sincerely hope that James Bicknell will give me a chance to run for county auditor two years hence. I think he has earned enough to retire from the activities of life.

J. C. COHEN—I may join the Hui Unions yet. I believe I have just as good a chance as the other candidates on the Republican ticket. I am still adhering to Prince Kuhio. He is my man.

COMMITTEEMAN BOYD—I can not make my report in English, but my political influence is such that I can order John H. Wise or James H. Hakuole of the Republican headquarters to write out my reports.

CHARLES HUSTACE, JR.—It doesn't make any difference to me how many sign a petition asking me to withdraw, if there is such a thing in circulation. I am going to run for the mayoralty all the same.

D. L. CONKLING—I believe Secretary Fisher of the Interior is the best official investigator that ever visited these islands. He is outspoken. I believe that his investigation of the administrative affairs of the Territory will be the means of bettering the conditions here generally.

CHAS. K. NOTLEY—I think Secretary Fisher of the Interior, who has just concluded his investigation of the Kahlo-Frear controversy, will make a satisfactory report of his work to President Taft after his return to Washington. Secretary Fisher is certainly a wonderful man.

FINE PICTURES REAL FEATURE AT EMPIRE

It is surely a matter of taste as to which is the really "big" feature of the Empire theater's program of excellent pictures, for a more varied, and better selection, in equal numbers, has never been seen on a picture program in this city. The comedy, "Revolution in a Bachelors' Club," is one of the most delightful comedies it is possible to imagine, while the opposite to this, "The New Superintendent," contains more interest and "heart throbs" to the minute than has been seen in any moving picture here in many a day, and the showing on the screen (taken from the actual occurrence) of the burning of twenty-two mammoth oil wells is, in itself, well worth the time spent.

It is, perhaps, an effort on the part of the management to increase interest in their picture house, that a program of all feature pictures is shown. The fact remains that the present program is one of the best, if not the best, that has ever been seen here, and is well worth seeing.

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